Administration Report of the department or the remarks made by the Registrar in the Administration Report that for the major portion of the development of the Department the responsibility rests with the non-officials. I am constrained to agree with the Registrar in that respect. It entirely rests with the non-officials. In a co-operative society when the working is found to be unsatisfactory and when the Government officer interferes naturally there will be a hue and cry saying it is a self-governing, autonomous democratic instituion and so on. At times when we find that the working is quite unsatisfactory and public money is being misappropriated we have to interfere and even in such cases we hear these criticisms. So it is a very delicate affair. I am sure the Hon'ble Member will agree with me when I say that men of his type will come forward and do propaganda among the workers of these societies and make them reach the ideal position which be contemplates and which we all desire.

Then regarding the question of stores I may mention to this House that we are trying to induce our societies to take up the distribution of rationed articles and we are starting such societies now and we hope in due course to convert as far as possible several existing societies into Co-operative Stores for distributing rationed articles. I do not think I need reply to the point raised by the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam. I may just bring to his notice that even if Mr. Narayana Menon had not been transferred to the Land Mortgage Bank he is entitled to this leave and the Government will have to bear this expense. With regard to the assumption that he took leave because he was transferred to the Land Mortgage Bank the Government is not prepared to see eye to eye with that Hon'ble Member. Even as Co-operative Registrar he is entitled to this leave. There will be a substitute and the leave allowance will have to be paid and that amount will have to be paid from the general revenues of the State. Sir, a little knowledge is always dangerous. I am only asking for a grant of Rs. 1,210 for the leave allowance of the Secretary of the Land Mortgage Bank and I request the House may be pleased to grant this amount.

*__Mr. Joseph Petta__ (*Adur*): Sir, by way of reply I would like to say a few words just to remove a misconception which might be caused in the House on account of a remark made by a few Hon'ble Members. I do not think there is any necessity to reply to the remarks made by the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam. I find that the position that he would take up is a much more radical one. His quarrel was only with the particular point of view or the particular way in which I presented my cut motion. If it were presented as an opposition to the whole grant proposed he would have supported. I think no serious reply is called for the remarks made by him.

As regards the remarks made by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi I think the Hon'ble Member is under a misconception. The Hon'ble Member says that it is the leave allowance of the Officiating Secretary of the Land Mortgage Bank. It is stated that he is entitled to this leave allowance. But the leave allowance has been earned by him as the Co-operative Registrar and not as Secretary of the Bank. This point I think was overlooked by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi.

Then just a word about what the Hon'ble Minister stated. The non-officials have to take part in this particular movement. Surely it is a democratic institution provided it is allowed to be democratic and provided the non-officials are given some amount of freedom to work in the movement with some amount of self-respect. What I say is these officers of the department could have done very much. What I find is that the Inspectors are generally concerned with the mere routine work and the mere technicalities and they do not do any propanganda work in this respect. We consider them as the friend, philosopher and guide of the co-operator. If that attitude as taken up by the department I think much could have been done. Anyhow the Hon'ble Minister has assured us that in certain directions at least improvements would be made in the near future and on whole it would seem that there has been a re-shuffling and perhaps we might hope that a new chapter would be opened in the annals of the co-operative movement in Cochin and in that hope I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Cutmotion, by leave, withdrawn.
Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 180 under 5—Co-operative Societies—Dearness Allowance

__Mr. T. K. Nayar__ *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 180 under "5—Co-operative Societies—Dearness Allowance—119" by transfer from "5—Co-operative Societies—Salaries".

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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A provision of Rs. 1,824-0-0 was made for the payment of dearness allowance under the Co-operative Budget for 1119. But this provision became insufficient when the rate of dearness allowance was enhanced during the course of the year. To cover the additional expenditure all the available savings under the other votable heads of the Co-operative Department were transferred to this Head. Still there was a deficiency of Rs. 1,726-0-0 to make their actual amount spent on this account. Under the non-votable head "salaries 2" there is a balance of Rs. 180. This can be transferred only with the sanction of the Legislative Council. The balance amount of Rs. 1,546 still required under the head has to be met by additional allotment for adjusting the accounts of 1119.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 1546 under 5—Co-operative Societies—Dearness Allowance

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1546 under "5—Co-operative Societies—Dearness Allowance". As I said before the actual amount required is Rs. 1726 and after transferring Rs. 180 just sanctioned by the House the balance required is Rs. 1,546. I request that this additional allotment be granted.

Cut Motion

***Mr. Joseph Pettah** *(Adur)*: Sir, I beg to *move that the amount of Rs. 1,546 for dearness allowance under "5—Co-operative Societies—Dearness allowance—1119" be reduced by Re. 1 the purpose being to urge upon the Government the propriety of respecting the resolution passed by the Legislative Council in the course of the last two years in respect of Dearness allowance.*

Mr. President: Does the Hon'ble Member claim that this motion is in order ?

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: In so far as it relates to dearness allowance and it is a request now which comes before the House.....

Mr. President: Order, order. Does the Hon'ble Member wish that the amount should be increased to provide an amount of dearness allowance larger than is contemplated at present ?

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: With regard to this particular portion of dearness allowance of the Co-operative Department I do not advocate any increase in the amount of dearness allowance. But my position.....

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is not in order in bringing forward any complaint that the Government did not respect the resolutions passed in this House. If that is his intention he is not in order.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: Those were resolutions passed in respect of dearness allowance.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member must confine himself to the specific demand made in this motion.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: The Government comes before the House with a request for additional allotment for dearness allowance. We had passed certain resolution in that respect and those resolutions have been simply disregarded by the Government and again they come forward with another request for dearness allowance. So I thought it would be proper to bring to the notice of the Government that what they did with regard to the previous resolutions passed on dearness allowance.....

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member is going to base his case on the fact that this demand does not comply with the terms of the resolutions previously passed by this House I will hear him. Not otherwise.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: Yes. Let me just refer to the previous resolutions to show the connection between the previous resolutions and this grant that is now moved here. The previous resolution was one which stated that a certain amount of dearness allowance be given to all the government officers including people in the Co-operative Department and that it should be given in full to all the people.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member must confine himself to the Co-operative Department.

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble member.

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